

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 7 and 14 as shown in the following listing of claims, which replaces all prior listings and versions of claims.

B' 7. (currently amended) A head tip for an ink jet printer, comprising: a base plate; a plurality of side walls extending from ~~provided on~~ the base plate to define a plurality of elongated ink chambers therebetween; a nozzle plate provided at a first longitudinal end of the base plate and having nozzle openings in correspondence with the elongated ink chambers; electrodes formed on the side walls of the elongated ink chambers so that application of a driving voltage to electrodes of a respective elongated ink chamber deforms the side walls and causes ink in the elongated ink chamber to be ejected through a corresponding nozzle opening; an ink chamber plate attached to the base plate and having a common ink chamber communicating with the plurality of elongated ink chambers at a second longitudinal end of the base plate opposite the first longitudinal end; and a border portion member disposed at a border portion where the elongated ink chambers and the common ink chamber communicate with each other to create flow passage resistance in the ink.

8. (previously presented) A head tip according to claim 7; wherein the border portion member has a plurality of through-holes.

9. (previously presented) A head tip according to claim 7; wherein the border portion member has a net-like construction.

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10. (previously presented) A head tip according to claim 7; wherein the border portion member has a plate-like construction, is provided substantially at the center of the border portion, and is narrower than the longitudinal dimension of the border portion.

11. (previously presented) A head tip according to claim 7; wherein the border portion member comprises a flat plate.

12. (previously presented) A head tip according to claim 7; wherein the base plate comprises a piezoelectric ceramic plate having grooves formed therein to define the elongated ink chambers.

13. (previously presented) A head tip according to claim 7; wherein the side walls are formed of a piezoelectric ceramic material and are mounted to the base plate at predetermined intervals to define the elongated ink chambers between the side walls.

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14. (currently amended) A head tip according to claim 7; wherein the base plate and the ink chamber plate comprise ~~are connected together to form~~ an integral body.

15. (previously presented) A head tip according to claim 7; further comprising a nozzle plate cover surrounding a peripheral edge of the nozzle plate.